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THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONSTITU-

verlierer says:—"In addition to the statement by the Philadelphia Ledger that its despatch about the President and Attorney-General was false, and its correspondent deceived, the New York papers have denials from Washington of the truth of the story. The Tribune in particular has the following from its Washington correspondent:

"Mr. Stanbery emphatically pronounces the statement a canard, and further adds there never has been any conversation, even, between himself and Mr. Johnson, upon any subject bearing in the slightest upon any such topic. The President stated to your correspondent that the story is a falsehood, and any reports that may be in circu-

But it is certain that after all the denials there appears to be some mystery about the matter, and an uneasy feeling is occasionally

ly expressed that something serious has been bushed up. We cannot believe, however, as the case now stands, that there is anything more in the affair than the fact already known, that such notions of the illegality of the present organization of Congress have for some time been floating in the

President's mind. In view of his possibly entertaining such ideas, it is interesting to see that the scheme has not been favorably received, even by his own friends.

"If the canard was thrown out on behalf of the President as a feeler, Mr. Johnson is probably satisfied by this time that it is not

advisable to go any farther in the direction indicated by the supposed questions.

**THE INFALLIBILITY OF THE ROMISH CHURCH.** The last statement of this dogma we find in the address of Archbishop McCloskey, delivered before the Roman Catholic

And first let us understand what is precisely meant by this infallibility. Do we mean that the Church receives a direct and miraculous inspiration from Heaven; that a new relation has been or is at any time imparted to her; that she has the right to alter or amend, to add to or take from the original

deposit entrusted to her? Not at all. Much less do we confound infallibility with impeccability, or assume that exemption from error carries with it or implies an exemption from sin. But what we do mean and what we do assert is, that the Church, in her office of teacher, in the fulfillment of the commission given her, has a divine guaranty that she shall not str. or lead others into

error, and that to this end she is perpetually assisted, protected and guided by the Holy Ghost. This infallibility, then, resides in the teachings of the Church—the *ecclesiastical doctors*—that is to say, in the body of her pastors, her bishops, whether assembled in general council or dispersed throughout the world, united with her chief bishop, which is the Pope. It is not assumed that an indi-

individual bishop is infallible, but the *whole* body of bishops; it is not claimed that a provincial council or a national or plenary council, such, for instance, as this, is infallible, but an ecumenical or general council represents the whole Church with the Holy Father at its head. This is the Catholic teaching and belief.

**AN INCIDENT.** As a train of cars was last week approaching the suspension bridge near Niagara, the conductor found a young man who could not pay his fare. The poor fellow was evidently in the last stage of consumption, and emaciated to skeleton proportions. He sat by himself, and his eyes were red, as with weeping; but the laws of the

Company could not be transgressed, and he must leave the train. Not a person moved or spoke as the conductor led him from his seat, all shivering with the cold; but just as he reached the door a beautiful girl arose from her seat, and with bright sparkling eyes demanded the amount charged for the poor invalid. The conductor said \$8, and the young and noble girl took that sum from

her pocket-book and kindly led the sick youth back to his seat. The action put to shame several men who had witnessed it, and they offered to "pay half," but the whole-souled woman indignantly refused the assistance. When the train arrived in Albany, the young protectress gave the invalid money enough to keep him over night and send him to his friends the next morning.—[N.]

THE WINANS IN RUSSIA. A correspondent writing from Moscow, speaking of the railway between that city and St. Petersburg says the railway stations are all large, roomy and well arranged. "On no road in America can you find stations equalling those on the roads from St. Pe-

tersburg to Moscow, nor will you often find a better or substantially constructed road than the one built by American contractors, the Messrs. Winans of Baltimore, Md. It has a double track throughout, magnificently graded, and possessing exceedingly fine bridges, almost all on the American plan.—I may observe *en passant*, that now the road has been entrusted entirely to the manage-

ment of the Messrs. Winans, the income derived from the State has nearly doubled. The Emperor is exceedingly gratified at the result, and it has not at the same time detrimental to the interests of the principal men engaged in working the roads are Americans, who make the machinery, rolling stock, and attend to the running of the road under a government control never ex-

exercised. At several stations we were greeted by the American employees, who were gratified to see so many of their countrymen abroad.

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The Unitarian Conference at Syracuse was the best meeting the denomination has ever held in this country, and some idea of

its spirit can be learned from the fact that in a half hour's time they raised thirty thousand dollars to increase the efficiency of the Meadville Theological School.

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